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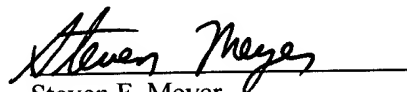
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider and cite the following references in the above-identified application. Copies of the references are enclosed and the references are identified on Form PTO-1449.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 5-139170 published June 8, 1993, and its English Abstract.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-108213 published April 18, 2000, and its English Abstract.

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